

Friggens Wins Prestigious U.P. History Award

Thomas G. Friggens, director of the Center's Upper Peninsula museums, was awarded the 2006 Charles Follo History Award for his outstanding contributions to the preservation and promotion of Upper Peninsula history.

Since arriving in the Upper Peninsula in 1974, Friggens has provided encouragement and leadership to countless museums, historians, educators and students. He is best known for his leadership of the Iron Industry Museum in Negaunee and the interpretation of Fayette Historic Townsite (Garden) and Historic Fort Wilkins (Copper Harbor).

The living history program Friggens created for Fort Wilkins has enthralled visitors for many years and has made everyday life at this wilderness post fascinating. Friggens' work with college student interpreters at these sites has helped introduce many new professionals into the field.

Friggens is overseeing major additions to the Iron Industry Museum and its programs. To learn more and to see photos of the new building addition, visit www.michigan.gov/ironindustrymuseum.



Historical Society of Michigan Director Larry Wagenaar (left) presents the Charles Follo History Award to Thomas G. Friggens (right) on June 24th at the 57th Annual Upper Peninsula History Conference.

Photo James Cameron

Preserve America Grant for Heritage Tourism

The Michigan Historical Center's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has been awarded an \$80,000 *Preserve America* grant to develop a regional heritage tourism program in southwestern Michigan. The project will begin with an inventory of historic and cultural resources in thirteen communities along a 170-mile corridor from New Buffalo to Ludington between old US-31 and the Lake Michigan shoreline.

The two-year project will run from May 2006 through May 2008. Three student interns have been hired to research the themes of exploration, settlement, maritime heritage, lumbering, art and architecture, agriculture, recreation, and ethnic heritage and to conduct a survey of the related historic resources. Once the survey is completed, the SHPO will assist each community in developing a preservation/tourism strategy that will define goals and objectives for the protection of historic resources and for their inclusion in a regional heritage tourism initiative. The project will also include workshops

on heritage tourism; technical assistance for historical markers; National Register nominations, establishing local historic districts, and preservation incentive programs; and the establishment of a regional heritage tourism infrastructure. The project is a collaborative effort between the SHPO, the Michigan Beachtowns Association, the local communities, the Michigan Department of Transportation and Travel Michigan. An end goal is a Michigan Heritage Route designation for the corridor.

Preserve America is a White House initiative established in 2001 to encourage the inclusion of historic resources in community planning efforts. It emphasizes using historic resources in tourism programs to encourage economic development. Michigan is among the first recipients of the \$5 million in grant funding appropriated for the program in 2006.

For more information visit www.michigan.gov/shpo or call Amy Arnold at (517) 335-2729.

Upcoming Events

September 23

The Art of Matting and Framing Learn how to mat and frame photographs. Bring a family photo and a frame; other supplies will be provided. \$25.00 per person. Michigan Historical Center, Lansing. 1 P.M. to 3 P.M.

October 15

The Altered Polaroid and the Art of Photographing Communities Learn how to turn a Polaroid into a work of art. Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing. 2 P.M.

November 4

The Art and History of Panoramic Photography Michigan Historical Center, Lansing. 2 P.M.

October

Family History Month Genealogy and archives exhibits, presentations and more by the Archives of Michigan. Michigan Historical Center, Lansing. 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. each day.

October 17

Future Historians Meeting- "Name the Great Lakes" Michigan Historical Center, Lansing. 4:30 P.M.

November 5

2006 Veterans Tribute Join the Friends of Michigan History as they salute the contributions and sacrifices of American service men and women. Michigan Historical Center, Lansing. 2 P.M.

November 18 - December 16
WinterFest: A Season of Celebrations
Enjoy four Saturdays filled with holiday and ethnic entertainment. Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing. 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.

October 3

Future Historians Orientation Meeting Michigan Historical Center, Lansing. 4:30 P.M.

October 7

Michigan Archaeology Day Meet professional archaeologists, learn of their adventures and see exhibits. Michigan Historical Center, Lansing. 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.

October 21

A Brief History of Photography and Caring for Family Photos Michigan Historical Center, Lansing. 2 P.M.

Junior Girl Scout Badge Bonanza- "Puzzlers" \$6 per girl, adults are free. To register, call (517) 241-4060. Michigan Historical Center, Lansing. 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

November 14

Michigan Historical Commission Meeting Michigan Library and Historical Center, Lansing. 1 P.M.
Future Historians Meeting- "Gales of November" Michigan Historical Center, Lansing. 4:30 P.M.

October 9, 2006 - January 14, 2007
Michigan's Family Album
A special photographic exhibit filled with the laughter, tears and milestones of Michigan life. Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing.

October 14

Brownie Try-It Extravaganza- "Listening to the Past" \$6.00 per girl, adults are free. To register, call (517) 241-4060. Michigan Historical Center, Lansing. 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

October 22

Using Toy Cameras in the High Tech Age Michigan Historical Center, Lansing. 2 P.M.

October 31, 2006

Future Historians Meeting- "Native Peoples and Great Lakes" Michigan Historical Center, Lansing. 4:30 P.M.

November 18

Odyssey 2006 Jingle Ball Have a night of fun, food, spirits, music and dancing, silent auction and the famous red-carpet experience. Michigan Historical Center, Lansing. 7 P.M. to Midnight

For information, hours of operation and online exhibits visit www.michiganhistory.org.

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Changes for Walker Tavern

Walker Tavern, the Michigan Historical Museum's antebellum-era stagecoach tavern, has received a grant of \$212,185 to renovate its visitor center, the Hewitt House. The federal transportation enhancement grant, administered by the Michigan Department of Transportation, will allow the Michigan Historical Museum System to preserve the building, create more exhibit space and improve accessibility.

Walker Tavern is in Cambridge Junction State Historic Park near Brooklyn in the Irish Hills. New exhibits will feature the US-12 Heritage Route and the tavern's transformation from stagecoach stop to farmstead to a tourist attraction with a "murder room." The Michigan Historical Center Foundation will provide matching funds for the grant.

For more information on visiting or supporting Walker Tavern, please visit www.michigan.gov/walkertavern.



Hundreds of re-enactors and visitors re-lived the Civil War at Walker Tavern's annual Civil War re-enactment in July. Visitors encountered soldiers and their families in the tent village, bid for homemade pies, and watched the re-enactment of the Battle of Fort Stedman, which occurred outside Petersburg, Virginia, in March 1865.

Photos Cheryl Valentine



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Archaeology Day

On land, in the ground, under water
Michigan Archaeology Day 2006

Saturday, October 7, 2006

11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing

Each year, the Michigan Historical Museum and the Office of the State Archaeologist team up to present Michigan Archaeology Day at the Michigan Historical Museum. Visitors may:

- * Try out a stone axe or atlatl (spear thrower)
- * See how arrowheads are crafted
- * Have their artifacts identified by the State Archaeologist
- * See artifact displays and demonstrations by archaeologists
- * Get tips on how to display and store their artifacts
- * Participate in children's activities

Visitors will get the chance to meet professional archaeologists, learn of their research and adventures and see one-day-only exhibits from archaeological digs and underwater explorations.

Admission and weekend parking are free. This event is sponsored by the Friends of Michigan History and is part of a month-long celebration of archaeological events around the state. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/archaeology.

Michigan's Family Album

The Michigan Historical Museum, in partnership with collection owner Dave Tinder and the University of Michigan's Clements Library, presents *Michigan's Family Album*. This diverse and breathtaking exhibit showcases more than 2,000 daguerreotypes, tintypes, stereo views, cabinet cards and large-format photos.

Together, the photographs resemble a family photo album of Michigan life from the 1860s to the 1920s. Like a family album, this collection includes a kaleidoscope of faces as well as the places where families lived, worked and played. Visitors will also discover a special display of postcards honoring every county in the state.

Michigan's Family Album is sponsored, in part, by the Friends of Michigan History and runs until January 14, 2007.

For information, visit www.michiganhistory.org.



Photo courtesy Dave Tinder



Photos Chris Dancisak

Send Michigan History your Mackinac Memories!

Next summer's special issue of *Michigan History* magazine celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the Mackinac Bridge. Do you remember the Mighty Mac being built? How did you feel on your first trip across the bridge? Send us your favorite Mackinac Bridge story and be part of our special issue celebrating the bridge's anniversary.

Stories should be no more than 500 words and can be handwritten or typed. Photocopies of pictures are welcome, but do not send originals. Email your story to editor@michigan.gov (please put "Mackinac Memories" in the subject line) or mail to us at *Michigan History*, P.O. Box 30741, Lansing, MI 48909-8241. Be sure to include complete contact information. Deadline for submitting stories is January 1, 2007.

www.michiganhistorymagazine.com



Photo Travel Michigan

October is Family History Month!

The Library of Michigan and the Archives of Michigan, along with the rest of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries, will once again celebrate Family History Month in October. A series of programs focusing on genealogy will be offered throughout the month at the Michigan Library and Historical Center in Lansing.

Over 25 sessions, such as "Researching Civil War ancestors," "How to organize your family history research" and "Beginning genealogy for the visually impaired," will be available.

For registration information visit www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan.

For more about Family History Month, visit www.michigan.gov/familyhistory.

Unique holiday gifts and more at the Michigan Historical Museum Store

Featuring an extensive selection of Michigan-related merchandise!

- books
- soy candles
- food products
- fine greenstone jewelry
- educational items for teachers and students
- one of the area's largest arrays of Christmas ornaments



Friends of Michigan History, MHC Foundation Friends, HAL docents and volunteers and state employees receive a 10% discount!

Look for special 20% discounts:

• October 5-8 • November 13-22 • December 18-21

www.michigan.gov/museumstore
517-373-1375

Fun and elegance advance history education

Come to the 2006 Jingle Ball! It's THE premier holiday fundraising event held to expand award-winning education programs for more than 70,000 Michigan students. Odyssey is a special endeavor of the Michigan Historical Center Foundation that provides opportunities for children to explore Michigan's past. Through Odyssey, your evening of fun and finery helps Michigan's future leaders discover their state's rich history.

With a luxurious red carpet beneath your feet, you and your friends will enter a world of holiday elegance and international celebration! Governor Jennifer Granholm and First Gentleman Dan Mulhern are co-chairs for the event.

Highlights include:

- Several venues of live music and dancing
- Sumptuous hors d'oeuvres
- Michigan beer, wine and specialty martini bars
- Early shopping for holiday gifts from our grand selection of silent auction items
- Presentation of the 2006 Odyssey Outstanding Teacher Awards
- Have your caricature drawn or photograph taken
- Direct communication to the North Pole—tell Santa exactly what you want in person!

Make your reservations today!

2006 Jingle Ball

Saturday, November 18, 7:00 P.M. to Midnight

(The night after Silver Bells in the City kicks off the holiday season)

Michigan Historical Center, Lansing

\$100 per person (all-inclusive)

www.michigan.gov/jingleball



Photos Todd Walsh

The Michigan Historical Center flourishes because of the generous contributions of many people and organizations. Below are the major donors to the Michigan Historical Center Foundation for the months of January through August 2006.

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volunteered 7,670 hours between
October 2005 and July 2006.
Thank You!